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Naval Force in That Region.

American Interests to Be Protected.

Especially in View of Possible

European Complications.

The Asiatic station has sprung into the

greatest prominence of all the stations of

of the Navy Department indicate the neces-

squadron, although, as usual, the explana-

tion of such action is furnished from the

Navy Department in the most conservative

The cruiser Raleigh has been ordered

from Smyrna to the Asiatic station, which

includes Chinese Waters and American in-terests. The order to Admiral Selfridge

in command was to go at once, and the Raleigh is probably now going with a full

head of steam on. The Secretary of the

Navy explaining the movement of the Raleigh, said that it had no significance

other that that it was desirable to strengthen the squadron in eastern Asiatic

waters. He says that the order had no

but that An crican interests must be pro-

tected everywhere and that, since the

Chinese-Japanese war, it is well under-stood that trouble may arise calling for

any time.

the protection of American interests of

partment that the Raleigh is going to

China to supply the place of the Machias.

which is coming home. It was learned, however, that three other vessels are to go to China very shortly, the Concord and

Marietta, from San Francisco, and the Helena, from New York, and these are

not to play in the role of understrikes.

When these arrive there will be on the

Asiatic station, the Olympia, the Monocacy

the Boston, the Petrel, the Helena, the

Notwithstand the statement given out

at the Navy Department it is widely

believed that the assembling of a re-spectable fleet in the neighborhood of

China has a direct bearing on the late and prospective movements of Germany with

respect to Chinese territory. The most

nteresting speculation of the day is that

the European nations contemplate the

carving up of China into job lots as

colonies for themselves; and it appears

self and ber own in China, and that this is

the reason for the increase of the first off

The first intimation of any need for

extraordinary care of that coast was given in The Evening Times in which the story

was printed that Senators desired a strong

and experienced diplomat at this time at

the American legation in Peking, and

that there was a possibility that an o'Tort

would be made to retain Mr. Deaby there

of experience would be sent there by the

Concord, the Marietta, and the Raleigh.

EMBARGO ON SEAL SKINS SENDING SHIPS TO CHINA

Under the Pending Bill Even Im- The Navy Department Strengthens portation Is Prohibited.

Neither Canada Nor England Will Be Able to Send the Raw or Manufactured Material Here.

Whether intentional or not, the bill to probibit pelagic scaling in the Pacific Ocean by Americans, which passed both American war vessels. The latest orders houses and is now awaiting the Presideat's signature, goes much further and is sity for the strengthening of the Astatic far more drastic than its title indicates. senling by Americans and put this Gov erament on a footing where it can consist ently urge Great Britain to do likewise in an effort to preserve the fur seal life of the Bering Sea and Pacific Ocean. But the bill does much more than this Section 9 absolutely probibits the importa-tion into the United States of any scal skins, not only those which may have been just brought from the Northern seas, but which have been prepared for the market. The language of this section is that "the importation into the United States by any in the waters mentioned in this act, whether raw, diessed, dyed or manufactured, is hereby prohibited, and all such articles after this act shall take effect shall not be permitted to be exported, but

shall be seized and destroyed by the proper officers of the United States." This bill was proposed under the joint Gage, and was carefully considered by was no deep design in it. Its intention was evidently plain. Under this law Cul-ada cannot send raw skins into the United States, nor can Great Britain importdressed skins nor manufactured scalskin garment. The finest scalskin garments in the world are made in London, and large amounts are sent back to the United States. In no country are the raw turn dressed so well as in England, and the American manufactures send their raw skins there to be dressed and re-import them

for the purpose of manufacture. Under this bill the scalskin men of Great Britain are bit a harder blow, and it is probable that as soon as they realize the far-reaching effect of this measure they will set up such a clamor as will force the British government to come to an un derstanding with the United States for the protection of the seals of the Pa-No British nerve is so sensitive as that which centers in the pocket-book. As a piece of diplomacy, this bill is a fine

FOREFATHERS' DAY.

Its Celebration by the Washingto

Washington Congregational Club i making claborate preparations for the cele-bration of "Forefathers' Day," which occurs on next Wednesday evening, December The exercises will take place at the Pirst Congregational Church and will be presided over by the Rev. Isaac Clark, D. D., the president of the organization.

The members of the club and their in distinguished speakers, Smong whom may mentioned Hon. Chauncey M. Dopew 1. L. D., of New York; Hon. Webster Davis Assistant Secretary of the Department of the Interior, and Rev. Wallace Raddiffe, B. D. pastor of the New York Aven re Presbyterian Church. The music during the evening will be sung by the First Congregational Church quartet, under the ection of Prof. J. W. Bischoff.

members of the club and a few friends south parlor of the church, at 6:30 p. m After dinner a short business meeting will be held to hear reports from the nominating

NEW DISTRICT BUILDING

Commissioners' Appeal for One Particularly Strong.

Thousands Being Paid for Rentals Annually That Might Be Saved

The Commissioners are peculiarly inter ested this year in the project for a new listrict building. Every year the crowded condition of the Pistrict government has become more and more apparent. Plas year it is worse than ever.

The realth department has half enough room. The different branches of the engineer department are unable to accompitsh their work satisfactority on account of cromped accommodations. Mr. Stutler and the street sweeping office and Col. Haskelt and the weights and measures office are put into six by ten boxes, so small that when the heads are present the forces have to take vacations. The property clerk piles desks and chairs and floors with his goods until his place looks like the old Congressional Library in minia

But worst of all the police are crowded Major Moore and his people could use four times as much room as they do now and not waste any. The efficiency of the lepartment undoubtedly is cramped by this

The annual report this year was particularly appealing in its tons. It is not known what, if onything, will come of it all-They now have under consideration a structure in Judiciary Square, where the present court house is, and to take up as much more from in the square as is neces ary. This bill provides for a building o accommodate both the courts and the district executive government. This probably will never become a law. Aside from the ordinary difficulties of the situation the Commissioners themselves do not like it, much as they need new accommodations. Capt. Black, the Engineer Commissioner, said yesterday to a Times reporter: "In the opinion of the Commissioners, a

combination building for the courts and the District government would be a mistake. The idea is fatally defective. The two branches should be kept separate. They are utterly different, and, more than that, the District government has enough departments to fill as big a building as should be constructed."

Another defect of this bill to many is that

suggests using more of Judiciary Square. When the Pension Building was erected there was a Strong protest against oc-cupying more of the city's parks with buildings. It seemed to be the general sentiment of the people that at least no more of this particular square should be utilized.

the police department, at least, may be secured this year. The need here is so glaring that Commissioner Wright ismaking a heroic effort. He and Major Moore have been out on general prospecting tours in the neighborhood and finally, have decided on a site in the neighborhood of the present District building. They do not care to make their choice public as yet, but make the statement that the lot is eminently suited to the needs of the police.

During the last thirty years the District

offices have cost many hundreds of thousands

The old board of public works in 1873 occupled a building on Four-and askalf street, just north of Pennsylvania avenue. Therental of the place was \$3,600 a year and there were many outlying rented offices for branches. Then too, the Government force was much smaller than now. To this building the board made an 10-lition that cost \$100,000. When the build-ing was given up in 1887, this addition was

copied from thee until 1895. The rentat here and that of the health office, the police endquarters and other branches amounted to \$9,000 a year. All these years there was woefully insufficient accommodations.

The move to the present building was made in 1895. Its rental is \$10,000 according to agreement, but the appropriation for it year the owners have added \$1,000 to their bilingainst the Government. Probably it will never be paid and the owners will se their money

Carriages Must Have Lights. Carriages driven in the streets of the

city after nightfall must have lights on them, despite the protests of the Livery-men's Association, made at a learing before the District Commissioners last Wednesday. A letter was sent to President Chambers, of the association, yes-terday, informing him that the new regulation must stand, and that the arguiuents advanced are not thought important enough to outweigh the good parts of the 'aw.

Organ-Grinders to Be Taxed.

Organ grinders, penny showmen, and all kinds and varieties of itinerant purveyors of music and other so-called amuseents, are to be taxed, if the Commission ers accomplish their purpose. The Cem missioners yesterday sent to Congress, with their approval, an amended bill, making it necessary for these people to

WINTER IS HERE

The Weather Sage Foretells Events and Cautions Coal Dealers,

The Weather Sage sat enthroned upon a hot brick last night. Between his shivering hands was grasped a bowl of dis tilled boning, which is applied internally in surener as an antidote for sunstroke and in winter as a cure for frostbite Every now and then would the Sage with a suction sound like unto an exhaust pipe of a bath tub when the water has about run out. "Sort of Nansen weather," Suggester

that America has not been consulted at all in the proposition. America, it is now said, proposes to take care of herthe reporter. "Yes, I am trying to keep off pneumonia," said the Sage, raising the solution of breadstuff to his lips once more. A light, cold as Christmas moonbeams, glitteres in his eye and resparkled amid the feicles

and the frost gems of the room. "Yes," said the Sage, drawing his red blanket tight about the chin, "this hot brick feels quite palatable a night like this. This is the kind of night when a man don't leave his footprints on the asphalt. It is also a night when a man is loath to loiter from his own fireside, those of us that have firesides," said the Sage, r'th a suggestion that the wave of prosperity had not washed in coal and overcoats for everybody.

"It is quite possible that before I turn on the steam again that the railroad com-panies will have to suit their tracks, and that a few people will break through the

"You see that snow drift over in the northwest corner of the room." said the Sage, pointing to a pile of winter, as a porter, "well, that is what I am going to sprinkle over Washington tomorrow. I have not settled on that feature of my program for Menday, but I am considering the advisability of listing a little snow as one of the numbers on that program. I have been rather hard on the coal dealers this seasonand I am going to give them a show ,but just as soon as they make a pool and talse prices



GOLDENBERG'S THIRD CHRISTMAS in this city will mark a distinct advance in the career of "The Dependable Store"-whose rapid strides have been the wonder of all. The best of everything in the great world of holiday goods is here for your choosing-at prices that were thought impossible before. Visit the store often--to lookor to buy-just as you like.

Practical presents in furs & wraps



Why not give something that will prove of lasting benefit-it will receive the utmost appreciation. We have prepared a very tempting list of special values in ladies' and children's furs and wraps for Monday's buvers-and the gift buying can be accomplished for very little.

Genuine imported Hudson Bay electric scal fur capes, with real bear collar

Best electric scal fur capes, with real marten for collar and edged with same-30 inches long-extra wide full sweep of 130 inches-lined with satin rhadame-regular \$20 values tomorrow for \$10.00

Silk seal plush capes, handsomely jetted, and also plain, edged with either Thibet or marten fur-in all lengthsand lined with satin rhadame-entirely waterproof-regular \$15 values -Monday for \$7.48 Stylish electric seal stolls, with six heavy quality tails—the regular \$1.75 sort—will go Monday

Children's white lambs' wool sets, consisting of muff and scarf-muff is finished with satin ribbon and head trimmed with white angora fur -a usual \$2 set-Monday for .. \$1.49

Fine coque feather boas of very fine quality-soft and full-1 1-4 yards in length - worth 81.25 - Monday

A list of "giveables."

At no former holiday season have we shown such a complete-varied-and immense stock of gift goods. Don't fail to visit the store while on your shopping rounds-you'll be certain to find here just what you have been looking for. There are a thousand and one inexpensive priced articles to chose from-presents that are both practical and pleasing. The prices we're asking are low enough to be not ceable.

Owari closa pin trays, in pretty

in blue and white decorations—the very same ware for which others asking 50c-offered here, per pair, for......250 Handsome loving cups, with bandles both sides-in very clegant medal-

made by Sun Cutlery Co., of Dresden-

fered Monday for590 Handsome hand-painted tollet sets, complete, with slop jar-which have been selling for \$7.49-will be offered Monday for.....\$5.98

gold-plated blades-will be of-

Fine percelain dinner sets, consist-ing of 112 pieces—your choice of two very pretty decorations—cannot be will go Monday for \$9.98

Rochester burner banquet lamps, complete with very handsome globefinished with solid brass trimmingswhich would be cheap if we asked a third more - Monday for.\$2.25

Very handsome reception and banquet lamps, with the very best centrai draft burner-and 9-inch shades -will be offered Monday

Very good table lamps, complete with cone shades-choice of six pretty patterns-will go Monday for. 980

Fine Dresden china clocks-every one warranted a perfect timepiece cost \$1.25 chewcere-Monday

Fine decorated china cuspidors, in four very dainty styles-which would day for.360

Dress goods patterns,

What woman wouldn't feel grateful for such a gift? She can't have too many dresses. Just see how inexpensively they're priced.

46-inch all-wool two-toned suitings, in all the newest effects and color combinations of green, brown, garnet and blue-worth 50c a yard and \$3.50 a pattern is offered instead at 29c a yard and for a dress pattern of 7 yards at \$1.98

Mohair and wool, silk and wool and all-wool novelties, in the very choicest effects, which are worth 59c to 75c a yard-will go Mouday for 39c a yard-or 7-yard dress pattern for \$2.69

All-wool 45-inchimperial black serves. of exceptionally fine quality-will be offered Monday at 35c a yard -or 7-yard dress pattern for .. \$2.39

Boys' Clothing.

Many of the little chaps have written to Santa Claus for a new suit or an overcoat-and parents act wisely when they see that the boy is not disappointed. Our one-third off all boys' clothing gives you a chance to gratify the son's wish at a great saving from regular prices.

Boys' \$2 reefers, 99c.

Just for one day—Monday—we shall offer boys' fine Pice Chachilla Reefers, of small set knot quality—lined with straped cassimere—sizes to fit boys from 3 to 8 years—have large same coulars and are trunned wan Hercules braid—and sell regularly at \$2-for——990

Boys' White Lawn Biouses, with large collars, and very handsomely embroidered—regular 75c sort—39c

Umbrellas.

Those of you who will give umbrellas should see our stock before finally purchas ng. We have a splendid assortment, beught espec ally for the holidays-and there isn't any better selected line in this city. Prices are very moderatefor the quality consideration.

Your choice of Indies' fine English twilled gloria umbrellas, with paragon frame and steel rods -choice of 6 different styles of handles for... 980

Ladies' fine empress slik gloria umbrellas, in eight different sorts of handles-which we promise you is the very best value any merchant ever offered for \$1.48

Slippers and Shoes.

Practical presents-these-that will be received with thanks by some member of the home circle. Let these specials serve as a guide-then come to the shoe department tomorrow and take advantage of them,

Men's tan and black vici kel and ox-blood Russia call shippers in opera, Everett and Romeo shapes strictly hand-made and lined with soft kidregular \$1.75 and \$2 values for \$1.25

tan, brown, and black good -opera and Everett shapes-well made and very soft and easy to the feet -regular \$1.25 and \$1.50 values for .. 980

Domestics and flannels.

An immense assortment of domestics and flaunch stuffs to choose gilts from-at very little cost.

90 by 90 "Lock wood" ready-made

45 by 36 fine hemstitched pillow cases, will cost half as much again elsewhere—for12 1-20

All-wool hand-knit underskirts. in 5 different colors for ..

Taffeta siik underskirts, in all colors and block for as little as \$3.08-and also \$4.98, \$6 and \$7.50.

Pertumery.

A dainty gift-a bottle of good perfumery. You can select it with the certain knowledge that it will please,

Choice extracts in fancy boxes, for as

Boujots & Houbigant's genuine French extracts, offered for just half their

real value-50c to \$1.25 a bottle.

Oakley's fancy box of 2 cakes of extract, all for

-..480

2 bottles of Oakley's Bobbonierre extracts, in fancy celluioid case, for 280

Hosiery.

As useful as anything you can think of. Wife or daughter will thank you for your thoughtfulness. Special values offered here tomorrow to get you to do the buying now instead of waiting.

Children's 4-thread ribbed hose of heavy winter weight, sizes 6 to 10— as good as anybody else's 25c.

Children's fine Roman plaid ribbed cotton hose, full regular made—and

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influential members of the church in

People Who Will Serve in Executive Capacities.

At a meeting of the Marine Engineers Beneficial Association, held last evening, the folk wing officers were elected to serve for the ensuing year: President, James R. Nash: vice president, James O'Donnell; recording and corresponding secretary, R E. Grigsby; financial secretary, George F. Lowe; treasurer, William B. Soper; con-

President Nash was chosen to represen the association at the national convention of Marine Engineers, which will be held at Willard's Hall on the third Thursday in elected to represent the association in the local Federation of Labor: James O'Don-nell, William B. Soper, James R. Nash

Circle, King's Daughters and Sons, of the Epiphany Church was held Friday sysning and resulted as follows: President, Will F French; vice president, Henry Baum ecretary. Thomas Burgess; assistant sec retary, Miss M. Grover; treasurer, Arthu Norton: chaptain, William Smithnew officers will be installed the first Friday in January.

Congress Celebrates Christmas. Congress adjourned resterday until Jan ary 5, to enable the members and those of its employes as live at a distance to return to their homes for the Christmas holitake up the legislative, executive and clause.

"SAY, BILLIE, I thought you said John "SAY, BILLIE, I thought you said John would never change his lunch-room."
"I did. Why; has he." He has indeed."
"How comes that." Why, he went to the Crescent, 610 F at. nw., the other day and took a meal there with a lady friend, and after eating one of those delicious, well-cooked, clean and quick-served 15c and 20c meals, and the politicless of those tity and active wastresses, he could not resist the change. He is a regular now." now."

del 9-66
SAY, Charley, why is it you go by three of four nice lumb rooms to get your means every day at the Crescent, 615 F st. nw. 7 Why, because i get the cest the market afforces and that cheap. You go there and try their elegant neads at 15c and 25c, and see those presty and polite watersness, queck and clean service, and I bet you will go there as regular as I co. de19-66 WANTED-White girl for housework, good to children, 1369 F st. ne. 15

FIRST-CLASS board, \$10 per mo., at the Deimokoonee Cafe, 1600 M st nw.; Odd Fefows Hall, MRS, ROBERTA KOONCE, Prop. WANTED-Boy in takery. WHITE'S HOME BAKERY, 922 9th st. aw. 10

WANTED By a young married woman with baby of 10 months very heat and quiet, position of any kind in home of a private family, experience in homekeeping; object, good home. LADY, this office in POR SALE Parties leaving the city have left in my hands 2 Indies, 97 bicycles, slightly used, fully guaranteed, they are bargains, if taken at once. J. P. EUYS-TON, Mgr., 600 F st. aw. 11

WANTED An active, energetic man, with good address, for responsible position, 610 F st. nw.

FOR SALE-New 10-room loose on Connecticut avenue; car line: Washington Heights, brick and stone with the roof, bay window, 20 ft. front, large dry cellar, with handy parlor, reception stair half, dining-room, buther's pantry, back stairs and kitchen on 1st floor, 6 bed rooms the bath; only \$5,000 if sold at case. Address IMMEL-ATE, this office.

indiciary appropriation bill at once and keep at it until it is disposed of. It will take at least a week to do this because of

days. When the House reconvenes it will the may obtable debate on the civil service

Congregational Club,

Considering District Bills. to District matters have been taken under onsideration by the Commissioners, in cluding the one introduced in the house ing for a general vote on the question of suffrage in the District; the bill permitting the Capital Railway to use an overlead trolley on the navy yard bridge, and the bill allowing the Annapolis railroad to enter the District.

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duck trousers into style, thaw out the so la fountains, and fry eggs on the sidewalks. Even though I do hold office under the administration of Mr. Hanna I will stand by the people on the coal question.

"I'm not exactly running a dairy with the milk of human kindness, but if the price of coal goes up 171 make the mercury rise higher than the aluminum spex of the monument, and twinkle as a star in the abyss of space." As the Sage said this be frapeed s chunk of ice with his elenched fist, and kicked over a bag of north wind. After his emotion had descended he resume his hatching process on that hot brick, and closed ty promising a clear Sunday, with winds varying a in northwest to southeast

THE PASSION PLAY. Will Be Presented at the Columbia Theater This Week.

Theater This Week.

The stock seepery has been stowed away at the Columbia Theater and the stage hands and orchestra will take a rest this week, while the Austrian Ober-Ammergan Company presents the world-fauous "Passion Play," almost exactly as it is given by the devoit peasants of horitz, a decidedly picturesque village high up in the Bohemian forest, near Budweis. There will be no "reat" actors no living personages, in this presentation of this most sacred and sublime of the workers tragedies, and yet it will seem to be instinct with life and physical movement, but with an entire absence movement, but with an entire absence of flesh and blood and vocal concomitants

of less and sood and vocal contributions that will relieve it from all trace of irreverence and make the conception seem almost uncarthly.

It will consist of a series of tableaux of the actual presentation at Horitz reproduced by means of Lumiere seniarged and produced by incarrol patients and graph, or "moving pictures." It was one of the first ionas of M. Lundsee, after he had invented his wonderful magic, living photography, to send out to the world through it this "Pastern out to the world through it has been out to the world through it has "pastern out to the world through it has been out to the world through it has "pastern out to the world through it has been out to the world through it has been out to the world through it has "pastern out to the world through it has been out to the world through it has "pastern out to the world through it has been out to the world through it has been out to the world through it has been out to the world through it has "pastern out to the world through it has been out to the wor

sion Play," but he was unable to meet with any success in his efforts to obtain the consent of the peasants and their

Austria, consent was finally obtained for the peasants to give a series of special for the peasants to give a series of special presentations of the play for reproduction by the Lumiere process. Dr. Freeman, therefore, with a staff of operators, spent all of last summer, as well as a good portion of the previous winter at Horitz, going in and about the peasant homes, and taking many pictures of them in their daily avocations, which will be exhibited preceding the "play" pictures—the latter, by the way, representing over eighty thousand actual exposures. The "Passion Play" had several preliminary presenta-Play" had several preliminary presenta-tion in Philadelphia, where the press, public and ciercy were aroused to a high pitch of enthusiasm as a result. A tour of the world is now to be made,

and it will be formally inaugurated at the Columbia tomorrow evening and every even ing during the week, with afternoon presentations Thursday and Saturday—the evening prices being from 25 cents to 81, and the afternoon prices 25 cents to 50 cents. Prof. Ernest Lacy will come from Philadelphia to deliver a descriptive lecture and it is the opinion of these who heard it in the latter city that a finer or more reverent piece of word-painting has seldom been heard. Prof. Lacy's reputation as an educator, poet and litterateur will be guarantee of the truth of this. Music will be played by a well-known

Music will be played by a Well-known organist on a large pipe organ that has been specially erected on the stage of the Columbia. The order of tableaux will be as follows: The Village Street, The Stone Cutters, Peasants Working in the Fields, The Passion-Speithouse, Paul Grolthesel's House, Jordan Willschkothe Christus, Anna Wurzieger-Mary, The Cortain Adam and Eve in the Carriers of Curtain. Adam and Eve in the Garde Eden, and After Their Expulsion, Cain and Abel, The Flood, Noah's Thankoffering, The Sacrifice of Isaac, Joseph in Egypt, Mosses Found in the Bultrushes, The Man-na in the Wilderness, Esther, Elijah, The na in the Wilderness, Esther, Elijah, The Angel Appearing to Mary, The Magt, The Flight Into Egypt, The Holy Family, Baptism of Christ, Christ Blessing Little Children, The Ecsurrection of Lazarus, Christ's Entry Into Jerusalem, The Last Supper, Christ Washing His Disciples' Feet, Judas Receiving the Thirty Pieces of Silver, Christ in the Garden of Clives, Christ Before Caiaphas, Peter Denging Christ, Christ Before Pilate, Christ Before

Herod, Scourging and Condemnation of TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION. Christ, The Way of the Cross., The Crucifix-ion. Taking Christ Down From the Cross. Placing Christ in the Sepulchre, The Resurrection. Resurrection.

Many well-known clergymen have de-clared their intention of being present tomorrow evening.

ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS.

ductor, John George; doorkeeper, B.O'Don-nell; chaplate, James A. Davis.

The election of officers of the Ready